Of the Secret Diſeaſe.

With a Supplement of Dr. *Boyle*, *Sydenham*, *Monteſque*, and others Obſervations and Experiments, and ſelect Ones of the Author's, which Gentlemen never yet knew, and till this time wanted; Particularly to know an infected Perſon from a clean one, altho in the Dark.

Teaching unfortunate Perſons, who ſeriouſly wiſh their Recovery.

Firſt, To underſtand exactly their own Caſe, *viz.* Whether infected or not: In what Degree of Malignity, and if perfectly well after former Cures.

Secondly, To cure themſelves in few Days of ſecret Injuries, Owzings, Gleets, Runnings, Swellings, Inflammations, Breakings Out, and other Weakneſſes, as well as if many eminent Phyſicians attended 'em: Alſo gnawing Pains, old Gleets, hard Teſticles, fiſtulated Ulcers or Buboes, Excreſcencies, ſalty Taſt, exceſſive Heat or Cold, Vertigo, Stinking or Shortneſs of Breath, Load on the Stomach, Phthiſick, Conſumption, Hoarſeneſs, Cramp, ugly Fevers, Obſtructions, Evil, Dropſy, Gout, Rheumatiſm and All other Maladies occaſion'd by former ill Cures, without the leaſt Confinement or Suſpicion, even of their Boſom Friend; and that by the Royal Specifick, the Doſe being but a Grain, ſo innocent and pleaſant as not to create nauſeous Riſings in the Stomach like others; working ſo eaſy, purſuing ſo cloſely, and overcoming its Enemies ſo ſoon, altho' in the inmoſt Parts, as is admir'd by all, carrying off the Malignity by all ſecretory and excretory Ways; and perfectly Cures not only the 1ſt, 2d, but alſo the 3d Stage, which is acknowledged by moſt to be incurable, which clearly ſhews the Truth of all that is here aſſerted.

Principiis obſta—— *Sero Medicina paratur,*
Cum mala per longas invaluere moras. Ovid

This Seal agrees with that which is fixt on the Parcel wherein the Specifick is, and no other.

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Reader.

Gentle, Candid, Courteous Chriſtian, are Epithets too frequently beſtow'd on thee by Authors, whether you deſerve them or not is what I don't know; be what you will have at you, and take this Book for better for worſe. If you reap any Profit by it I have my Aim, a great Pleaſure in doing you good; if you are of a ſnarling, cenſorious Temper, blame your ſelf and not me. Flies pitch and Feed on Sores, if you are ſuch an inſect you may find Faults to gratify your Appetite; for ſome are ſo vitiated, that they are better pleas'd with them, than healthy Beauties. Rhetorical Flouriſhes may pleaſe, and probably Hoodwink the airy Brain, but

exp & none of those alluring, specious Baits in this little Tract: Truth is my Design, and stands not in need of external Ornaments. Variety of Delight, Recreation and Pleasure is the Centre of most Mens Inclinations and Wishes, and are taken with it as Fish with a Hook; but above all an unlawful Freedom with the Female Sex bears the greatest Sway and Influence over frail and weak Mortality, having the most potent Temptations to captivate 'em into this Folly; The Allurements of the Fair Sex are so prevalent, and a Propensity in Nature so forcible, 'tis hard to stand unmov'd when egg'd on by a Je ne scay quoy *of a subtile, designing Woman, whereof its Attendants prove very often ruinous both to Body, Estate, Reputation and Posterity.*

For Sheep o'ieas'd, pass'd Wine, corrupted Fruit;
If mixt, the healthful, sprightly, sound pollute.

It is impossible to fall amongst Stones and not be hurt, or amongst Nettles and not be stung; nor is it easy to catch Fish without wetting ones Feet; however, if Persons are caught in the Snare, 'tis a Duty incumbent on every one to assist 'em as much as possible, and not to upbraid them with their Calamity and Folly; for none can plead Privilege from Errors this side o' th' Grave, the greatest have their Faults, and none is born without 'em for unicuiq; dedit vitium natura Creato. *But what's most amazing that Persons, knowing their Affliction, altho' willing to throw it behind the Scenes, can't upon so easie Conditions, part with the Embryo of their darling Weakness: And every Day still inflaming and spreading should be so lethargick as not to seek for Aid in time, not reflecting what a Train of Miseries attend supine careless Tempers.* Parva Scintilla contempta, maximum excitat Incendium. *What? Expect good Events from bad Resolutions! Such Persons resemble* Archimedes, *who was, being securely at home drawing Circles in the Dust when* Syracuse *was taken. The brute Beasts which have no Understanding will instruct 'em better: The Harts of* Crete *run immediately to their Dittany as soon as they are struck; the Swallows fly to fetch* Celandine *to cure the Blindness of their young ones; the Toad fighting with the Spider crawleth to the* Plantane, *and so is recover'd, &c. These by a natural Instinct know their own proper Remedies. Therefore rouze out of Danger, and bless the willing Hand that administers Relief to you.*

Begin, 'tis half the Work, assume the Power
To live: Expect not for a fairer Hour.

For what is life without Health, than which nothing is better! But as Horace *says,* Aliis alios rebus studiisq; teneri, *Therefore let every Man have his Humour, what is it to me? Whoever bears a Burthen Willingly makes it light and easy. Persons in Distress want not perswasive Arguments to induce 'em to believe so; or to use their utmost Endeavour, to extricate themselves out of it*

Chap. I. *Of the different Cause and Nature of the Disease.*

OMitting the usual Controversies, scholastical Disputations, and various Opinions of Antiquity, the 1st initial Clime, numerous Titles, &c, of the Distemper, the Knowledge of which after all, serves but *ad nosse*, and will not make a Patient either wiser or better in his Cure, but rather more impatient, as the Poet saith,

To sickly Men, and as such are morose;
A prating Fellow is most tedious.

Therefore I'll only trouble my Reader, (whose Misfortune is sufficiently known to his own Sorrow, with what shall be most useful and just necessary, whereby he may exactly understand his own Case, and readily and effectually Cure himself. It will suffice to note the common Means, Accidents, and Circumstances of the Disease. 'Tis generally known and understood by the most proper, general Names of *Lues Venerea*, the Venereal or Secret Disease, occasion'd and attended by a Corruption, Fermentation and Putrefaction, as will immediately be explicated, whereof the latter are the natural Result and Product of the first, but are frequently taken *Hysteron Proteron* for *Synonima's*, yet they differ gradually, or as the *Logicians* say, *ut Causa, Causæ & Causati*. A Corruption, according to the New Philosophical, Physical, Mechanical Principles and Grammatical Sence, *quasi a con & rumpo*, consists in breaking the Shape, Figure, Texture, and Cohæsion of the Parts of Sound Bodies, which are Globular, Smooth, Flat, and Celindrick, and by Change become Rugged, Pointed, Shatter'd, and Splinter'd. Any Corruption of this Disease, (altho' not always occasion'd or contracted by a foul and impure Conjunction of the two contrary Species, Man and Woman, whose Coition is said to be impure and vicious, when either of them first infected communicates to the other the malignity by the very Action) may by these Principles, *taliter qualiter*, be defended in what Case soever, according to it's distinct and saperate Degrees, Qualities and Stations, and is Applicable to all Bodies in general, (*viz.*) *in Regno Animali, Vegetabili & minerali*. A Fermentation is a Rarifaction acted by Heat and Air, penetrating into the Pores of the Texture, Figure and Cohæsion of broken and mixt Bodies, and rarifying the Volatile Salts therein, it brings the Oily and Sulphureous Particles into Motion, and consequently into a Fermentation. (*e.g.*) Yeast is a corrupt fermented Wort, this corrupts by Fermentation into Beer, Beer (or Wine) into Vinegar, this again into an insipid, stinking Corruption and Putrefaction; and if I resolve it backwards, I say, Wort is a corrupt Malt; and so going onwards, you 'll find its Corruptions Primordia;

so all Ferments are or become more or less Acids, as their Corruption is more or less of perfect Things; as the sharpest Vinegar is made of the best Wine, &c. and a violent Clap from a Corruption of a (*quasi*) double refin'd and perfect Matter as Humane Seed is.

According to these Principles, I say, a promiscuous Mixture of different Company and contrary Species of Seeds, in one and the same Woman, produces a Change of Figure, Texture and Cohaesion of Particles in the private Parts, from whence it becomes a corrupt Body and Acid, which Explication *in tantum* for the First Stage.

Secondly, The Fermentation of the broken Mixture of different and contrary Species of Seeds of a Women's private Parts, by every reiterated Venereal Act and great Motion of the Parts wherein it's lodg'd, increases the Corruption, as Leaven corrupts the whole Mass of Dough, from whence proceeds a violent ferment Acid, *per se* or *per accidens*, a vermicular Ferment.

Thirdly, The contrary oily and sulphureous Particles of different Seeds, which by Fermentation became loose and seperate by the Motion of rarify'd Air and Heat, become more subtle and inflam'd penetrating with 'em in the distended, open Pores and Interstitia of Glandules, &c. throwing themselves immediately into the Blood corrupting it and the animal Spirits, causes the most subtle violent and contagious Acid. By which Explication you 'l not only understand the Violency of the 3d Stage, as gnawing Pains Inflamations, Rottenness of Bones, &c. but also the Operation of the Foam of a Mad Dog or Viper.

Ferments of the like Nature, are those by Children contracted even from their Birth or when the Child first infected gives it to the Nurse that suckles t; or when from the Nurse it descends to the Child by the vicious Quality of her Milk. 'Tis likewise true, that it may be propagated by Lying, Drinking and Speaking only, with one that is corrupted with it; or wearing the same Cloaths, lying in the same Sheets, or sitting on the same Saddle or Closestool, after any such infected Person; which vermicular Ferment is something rarer here, then in exotick hotter Climes. This Explication will serve as an Introduction to understand the second Case in the next Chapter; but the third Case, as it's often taken and represented by others, *viz.* When People break out into Blotches, Ulcers &c. which is no more than the second Stage, where 'tis clearly shew'd. No wonder then that many Physicians don't better discover the Phœnomena's of Nature, to understand the third Stage, when they only make a Scruiny into the foregoing Princi-

ples and Anatomy, and neglect the Diſquiſition of Chymiſtry, the ſole Key to unlock all occult Beings in Nature, to make Phœnomena's appear; therefore 'tis we obſerve ſuch abſurd Conſequences in Authors, particularly one, who ſays, in his 13th Edition Page 5. L. 2. that a vaſt Number of poiſonous and minute Animalcula in Aquafortis are to be diſcover'd by a Microſcope, (*Ecce. mi Clerice Romane, & corrige Mendum tuum, recordando iſtus proverbii: Ne Sutor ultra Crepidam*) whereas any rational Perſon is perfectly well aſſur'd, that it diſſolves even Stones and Metals, and much more any Inſect whatſoever. And likewiſe in his Title Page tells you, a Perſon may be injur'd by an entire healthy ſound Women: How can a Perſon who has receiv'd Infection from another, and capable to give it others, be term'd a clean, uncorrupt entire ſound Woman? As much as to ſay, a Perſon is ſound who has but a ſlight Running, and the Infection not yet penetrated in his Blood; both very abſurd. However, let the Infection be ever ſo ſlightly or lately receiv'd the Author's Experiment will diſcover whether ſhe is clean or not. But the foreſaid Author, as Gentleman ſay, Gallops as faſt on, and thro, all his perſuaſive Arguments, from the Title Page to the ending of his Book, as he does in his Editions, thirteen being publiſh'd in not above many more Months. This being thus premis'd, it appears that whoever not perfectly as well skill'd in Chymiſtry, as in the Principles of Philoſophy and Anatomy, cannot pretend to underſtand the Nature of the Diſeaſe; neither how or when to oppoſe Alcalies to Acids *& vice verſa*, and the Cures he performs are only wrought *in tantum* and are no radical Cures, as all Perſons obſerve after their former Cures, they have a Lympha of a Salty Taſt, exceſſive Heat or Cold, Stinking or Shortneſs of Breath, Scurvy, gnawing Pains, Vertigo, Conſumption, load on their Stomach, Phthiſick, Hoarſneſs, Stiches, Cramp, ugly Fevers, Obſtructions, Dropſy, Gout, Rheumatiſm, Evil, or ſome other Maladies, attending 'em, notwithſtanding it may be a conſiderable Time before their Symptons appear, ſome ſooner, ſome later; and thus far I 'll ſpeak in the Favour of ſuch Doctors, that their Conſequences in relation to their Symptons, tho' not their Judgment, reſemble the *Italians*, whoſe Poiſon operates and terminates its Courſe in as many Months or Years as he pleaſes to fix.

I deſign'd to Treat here of the Chymical Principles, with the foregoing, to Explicate the 3d Stage; but being more adequate and ſuitable to be inſerted Among the Experiments in the Chapter of Curioſities, I ſhall deſiſt from it at this Time.

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Whether the Diſeaſe be Contagious from all the foregoing Accidents, will not be determin'd here; for be the Cauſe what it will, the Diſtemper's moſt certainly known by its Symptoms, as a Tree by it's Fruit, which hereafter follow: And when a Perſon is ſatisfied, his Caſe is become Venereal; he has no more to do then make an immediate and proper Application for a true and perfect Cure. 'Tis better to Remedy the Beginning than the End, and Embrace a Remedy which ſeaſonably interpoſes to Relieve and Aſſiſt you, and that with ſo much Facility, Privacy, Speed and Pleaſure, as ſurpaſſes Imagination.

CHAP. II.

Of the Nature of this Diſeaſe, and it's three different Stages With their ſeveral Graditions

1. Stage. THE entire Action and Re-action of a Congreſs of Man and Women may not improperly be compar'd to a Water-Pump, whoſe Embolus (as well as the Tube) being hollow, repreſents Man's private Parts, which in preſſing down the Air in the Woman's being wet and beſmear'd and full of rarify'd Air, loaded with Venereal Steams, by it's Elaſticity and Weight, enters into all the Cavities of the Parts of both, whoſe Pores, by their Turgidity at that Time are diſtended and dilatated. The Corruption being thus inwardly receiv'd in a ſmall Time, with it's ragged, ſharp, pointed Particles, like Powder of Spaniſh-Flies, or any other Corroſive, by degrees corrodes, frets, corrupts and exulcerates whatever Pores or Parts it has enter'd in or touch'd, as to cauſe a Tenderneſs, Itching, Heat, Redneſs, Inflamation and Suppuration of ſuperficial little Puſtles, Wheals, or Ulcers; hence proceeds that intollerable Pain called Heat of Urine, not that it's then hotter in it's ſelf, than at other times, but becauſe the Paſſage is ſo very ſore and fretted from the ſearching Acid and ſaline Nature of the Urine, as will any ſore raw Place if you throw Urine upon it: And alſo, from a gentle Running, or putrid Matter, which owzes away and appears like clammy Drops upon ſqueezing the Parts. An Injection of this Nature is not improperly term'd a *Liminary Clap*, and may be cured as a Local Injury, moſtly by external Application and Conformity to good Advice. The aforeſaid Virulent Matter, by longer Continuation, turns into a Yellowiſh, Green Colour, and then it is ſtil'd a *Gonorrhœa*, or *virulent Running*, but not yet attended with any Inflamation, or Swelling in the Groins or Teſticles, it belongs only to the 1ſt. *Stage*. 2. The ſaid virulent Matter ſtill increaſing, and being impregnated with a Vermicular Ferment or Worm-Seeds, eats in, and thro' the Capillary Ends of the Lacteal

Veins

Veins and Lymphatical Veſſels, throwing it ſelf among the Salubrious Juices, corrupting the whole Maſs of Blood, whereby the Body breaks out into Blotches, Boils, and Ulcers. Likewiſe, by another ſort of Venemous Acid, a Running is frequently attended (*vel a parte ante, vel a parte poſt*) with Swellings and Inflamations in the Groins and Teſticles, and alſo a Contraction of the Bridle in Man, which pulling down the Glans, conſequently ſhortens and thickens it, generally breaking out with red Spots, Pimples, Wheals, and Puſtles, as alſo in the Body and Face.

Note, This Degree altho' it mayn't ſeem altogether ſo infectious as the other breaking out with Blotches, Boils and Ulcers; yet 'tis manifeſt the Malignity and Conſequences are far greater and dangerous, as being procur'd by a more Poiſonous Acid.

3. *Stage.* The Malignity of Each Degree of the ſecond Stage, by longer Continuation ſtill augmenting, becomes a moſt Subtle and Penetrating Acid, diffuſing and ſettling it ſelf in every Part; and in fine, by it's moſt violent Acidity even gnaws and eats thro' Nerves and Bones, which putrify, rot, and come away.

Perſons that have been imperfectly cur'd of the ſecond Stage, and perceiving thoſe diſmal Conſequences and Symptoms recited in the foregoing Chapter; as gnawing Pains, Inflamations, Conſumptions, Phthiſick, Vertigo, ſhort Breath, hot or ſore Eyes, *&c.* may be infallibly aſſur'd, their Caſe is no more what it was, but belongs to this Stage, and comes under the third Cure.

The Diſeaſe contracted by Lying, Sitting, *&c.* or as Children born with it, generally prove moſt dangerous, thro' Perſons Ignorance of a Snake lurking in the Graſs, not conceiving any thing of that Nature, and hugging themſelves in Security, let it run to the Height of the King's Evil, as they call it, or ſome what elſe; that at laſt obliged to ſeek for Remedies accordingly, thoſe improper untimely Applications not ſtriking at the Root or Cauſe ſtill become more venemous and hurtful.

CHAP. III.

A fuller Relation of the Symptoms of a Clap.

BY this Chapter it is intended, that even the unknowing and illiterate ſhall be inſtructed in the firſt Signs and Appearences, whereby this nauſeous and filthy Malady firſt ſhews it ſelf in the Bodies of Mankind; for doubtleſs, 'tis mainly expedient to the Cure, that all the ſevere Symptoms be regarded, and chiefly thoſe at the Beginning when the Diſeaſe attempts the Conſtitution. The

Infection

Infection commonly discovers it self externally, by inflammatory ruddy Heats of the Privities, (which are the subject of its Symptoms ;) or a burning at the End, or sharp picklings and shootings in the Urinary Passage, according as the Morbifick Acid Venom has more or less touch'd and invaded them.

It comes in others only with a running of corrupt Matter free from Swelling, Redness, Pain, or Urinary Heat.

In some, after a gentle Running, frequently one or both the Testicles are swell'd, and enrag'd with Pain, encreasing as the Running is obstructed; for the Venereal Venom which evacuates, hastens thither, causing cold Tremblings, Qualms and Faintings, *&c.* but as these abate, so commonly the Running multiplies, and comes away more freely.

Generally the Person seiz'd with the Disease, is first affected with excessive Grief in the Privities, and a kind of rowling of the Testicles, with afflicting Tumors in the Groins, and Pains in the Shoulders, Reins, *&c.* But,

In some, it commences only from a Spot, like a Fleabite, or the Meazles, upon some Part of the Glans. Presently after, a Liquor much like the Lemon runs off gradually thro' the *Penis*, which thickens more and more, and degenerates in a Colour till it is Yellow, like the Yolk of an Egg, tho' of a thinner Consistence.

In others, it appears only with a Heat of Urine, and reiterated Motions to make Water, with hesitating Driblings of hot pungent Urine; sometimes whitish, with small attendant slimy Strings or Corruption.

In others, 'tis attended with Weakness, Infirmity and Soreness, about the Joynts and Limbs, *&c.*

In some, where it proves very mild and gentle, at first a little congested Matter usually comes away, by slow Gradations, especially when the Part is squeez'd, which frequently is so gummy, as if clos'd up with it, and the Linnen is also stain'd of a yellowish or greenish Hue.

In others, a thickish Humour will proceed from the Glans and Prepuce, making little Wheals and Ulcers; but when the Infection is more virulent and rigid, the Colour of it is green and mix'd with a wateriſh Gleet, seeming to be bloody.

Most of the previous Signs of Infection, have here been noted as they happen, and occur to both Sexes; but it must be remembred, that these Symptons alter in every distinct Body; for the Constitution of People being so very variable, the Nature and Symptoms of this Disease must needs be very different. Sooner or later it displays it self, as the Companion of the infected Persons is more or less

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deprav'd and vitiated with it; and alſo according to the State and Diſpoſition of the Body of the infected; one is viſited with this Symptom, another with that, and ſo they are all at one Time or other alternately introductive to the Diſeaſe.

Therefore the very Purpoſe of deſcribing ſo particularly the Signs and Symptoms of Infection, is to inform the Patient whether he is touch'd with it, and probably how far he may be infected; ſo that he may provide the welcome Remedy (as the *Italian* ſays) in *Buona Luna*, that is, the lucky Hour, before the Malignity has gain'd upon the Conſtitution, and is at the full Height of a tormenting and inveterate Pox; for when once the Body is in that pickle, we need not much enquire after Phænomena's and Symptoms, the Caſe then is too plain; and may term that dilatory Perſon next kin to a Madman, to harbour favourable Thoughts of ſo formidable an Enemy.

CHAP. IV.

Of a true and general Method of Curing this Diſeaſe

'TIS requiſite in all Maladies, Firſt, To make an Enquiry, and diſcover their real Cauſes, and reconcile Cauſes and their Effects together, in order to effect a Cure; and for this Purpoſe to conſider what Parts this Diſtemper acts upon, and what Effects are there evident; and 'twill not then be difficult to determine what Cauſes can produce ſuch Effects; for 'tis certain all Effects that can be cauſed in the Bodies of Men and Women, muſt either be upon the Solids, or the Liquids circulating thro' them; ſo when once we know what Parts are taken with the Symptoms of this Malady; being already conſcious what Fluids circulate thro' thoſe Parts, with eaſe we may know how thoſe Humours may be alter'd, ſo as to form ſuch Effects. And a Humane Body conſiſting of ſolid Parts, and Liquids which circulate thro' them, the Solids are ſuſtain'd, preſerv'd and invigorated by the other, whoſe good Office in conveying and reclaiming (if they keep their natural Temperature) will ſupply the Soilds with natural Juices for their Nuriture; but if the Craſis and Temper of thoſe Humours be alter'd, thoſe deprav'd Humours inſtead of nouriſhing, will produce Effects according to their deprav'd Diſpoſitions: Hence it is manifeſt, the Solids, are ſupported or prejudic'd by the Liquids circulating thro' them, and conſequently, before the Soilds can be hurt, the Liquids muſt be deprav'd and deviate from their natural State and Vigor: Therefore 'tis expedient to remark what Effects are produc'd in the ſolid Parts, the better to apprehend how

ſuch Effects are made. From the Signs then before recited, 'tis plain, what a large Variety of Symptoms this Diſeaſe produces; and it has been determin'd, that the Infection is from an immoderate Ferment, communicated by Acid Particles of Semen, whereby the Texture of the Blood is often broke, and the oily Acrid Parts as well as the Mucilaginous are diſperſ'd and robb'd of their perfect Mixture. It follows then, after what has been premis'd, that the only compleat Method of Cure in general, muſt be in uſing ſuch penetrating, attractive, alcalious Medicaments, comprehending ſuch ſulphureous, oleagenous, volatile and ſmooth Particles, as are capable even in the worſt Caſe to alter the Qualities, and diſcharge the peccant Humours; Firſt, by finding out and uniting with them, thereby dulling and obtunding the harſh, rigid Points of the vicious Ferment, and then entirely routing it out of the Body, and at length, to heal and confirm the Parts injur'd and debilitated; for Phyſick deficient in thoſe Qualities, can never merit the Title of a Remedy.

Such an Antiveneral then, as is moſt of all endow'd with the precedent general Qualities and Intentions, will hereafter be the Subject of the Author's Pen. He does not boaſt it is infallible and abſolute in it's Powers and Operations: No, he's ſatisfy'd the beſt Medicines are not worthy of ſuch Epithets; and this, as well as others, altho' never ſo Specifick, muſt be manag'd and have its Alterations according to the various Circumſtances and Incidents of this Diſeaſe. There muſt be Addition, Diminution, and Omiſſion in their proper Turns. Every alternate Caſe muſt have changeable Directions, as every one will find ſealed up with the Remedy.

CHAP. V.

Of a particular Way for Curing the Secret Diſeaſe.

HAVING diſtinguiſh'd the Nature of Infection by three previous Degrees or Diviſions, with their Gradations, we come now to conſider of the true Way of Curing each in Particular. And as to the firſt Degree, it being chiefly an external Depravity or Infection, the Cure may be effected by external Means; but then ſuch outward Applications muſt poſſeſs Qualities ſo directly contrary to the Venereal Malady, as by their ſoftning and rotund Particles, to blunt and ſuppreſs the harſh acrid Points of the infectious Venom, and ſuch penetrating Abſterſives, as may diſlocate and dilate 'em from the corrupt Part, before too deeply rooted. And Thirdly, Such Healing and Balſamick ones, as Remedy the Soreneſs, Urinary Heat, Pain and Inflammation;

flammation; and this may be compleatly done by a balſamick purifying Waſh, and ſuch a one the Author has prepar'd and ſeal'd up with his Specifick, which he recommends to all Perſons in this initial Degree of Infection; directing that the Waſh be us'd immediately after the Injury be receiv'd, before the ſubtle Venom ſearches and inſtils it ſelf any further; but the Cure will not probably be finiſhed by outward Method only, therefore the Author adviſes one or two Doſes of his Specifick, to eradicate any lurking Humour which the Water may not reach. Perhaps 'twill be objected, That in ſo ſlight a Touch of the Infection, the external Water may alone ſuffice; but 'tis reply'd, That it cannot be thought reaſonable to depend on this, tho' now and then by Nature's Kindneſs, it may indeed ſo happen: The Reaſon is, becauſe the Blood circulating thro' the Parts which are damnified, with more eaſe than we conceive; ſome of the little contagious Particles may be coveyed with it, which are of ſuch an infectious Diſpoſition, that they ſtrangely inſinuate and intrude into the Juice of the Solids.

Likewiſe this Method will Cure old running Gleets, *&c.* or Runnings and Weakneſſes in either Sex, which are ſometimes occaſion'd by many innocent Accidents, as Overſtraining, Lifting, Jumping, Riding, *&c.*

The Cure of the Second Decree. This is too ſturdy and obſtinate for the precedent Management; for the Malignity is now in a greater Progreſs. The Seminal Veſſels are weakned for want of proper Nouriſhment, the Fibres are relaxed, and their natural Tone is loſt and gone; therefore the Nature of the Remedies to be now uſed, muſt have ſuch heterogeneous Particles, as are exactly oppos'd to thoſe of the Volatile acrid Ferment, and ſuch gentle Purgative ones (notwithſtanding it cloſely purſues its Enemy in the inmoſt Parts) as to correct, conquer and eject the corroſive groſs Venereal Humours, and by their attractive balſamick Quality to cloſe and heal up the Sores, carrying away the Running and the Cordee; and renovating the diſtreſſed Parts to their priſtine Vivacity and Tone: But there muſt be due Regard to the Purges; for 'tis not here meant, that the common Purgatives will ſuffice; no, it muſt be ſuch as are electively prepar'd, and fit to act upon this Degree of Malignity: And alſo ſuch a Mean muſt be obſerv'd in Purging, as will agree with the Conſtitution and Circumſtances of the Patient, and corroborating Remedies apply'd in order that the decaying Parts be reliev'd and ſtrengthened.

The Cure of the third Degree. And now at laſt, the Diſeaſe is ſaid to be in Earneſt, and arrived to its full Virulency and Rancour. The Lympha Serum, Juices and Fluids, with the whole Maſs of Blood, are altered converted and corroded. And this Degree is to be Cur'd by ſuch Reſtoratives, as by their ſulphureous and alcalious Particles enter the Blood and Juices, and powerfully cleanſe and totally root out and deſtroy the acrimonious Ferment, and then to ſucceed ſuch Diſcutients as will attenuate the tough pocky Slime, and rarify the aſtringent and coagulated Humours, to recover them to their uſual Fluidity and Thinneſs, and chaſe away the wild lurking Maladies. To effect this, is the Purpoſe of the Author's Specifick, as aided by the Method he preſcribes, to which he refers the Patient in his printed Directions, ſeal'd up and given with it together, with proper Alteratives to aſſiſt in all three Degrees of this Diſtemper: Where the certain Way of ordering, taking and helping this Specifick are written down at large, with much Facility and Plainneſs.

CHAP. VI.

Of Specifick Remedies in General.

DR. *Sydenham* ſays, A Specifick Remedy is that which acts Electively againſt ſome one Diſtemper, rather than an other. The very Word Specifick denotes and implies a Diſpoſition, moſt of all pertinent and apt to act on ſome one particular Diſeaſe; and the marvellous Effects commonly wrought by 'em, being beyond the Capacity or Wit of Man to account for, made the Ancients affirm they acted by occult and hidden Qualities, by not fully knowing the Reaſon of their Operations 'Tis certain many eminent and great Phyſicians have been the happy celebrated Authors of Specifick, which they have uſed with Applauſe, equal to the Excellency and Merit of ſuch Inventions, and with no leſs Benefit and Advantage of the Diſconſolate and Diſtreſs'd: Here in *England* the Famous and Learned Sir *Kenelm Digby*, wrought almoſt Miracles Univerſally by his own renowned Specifick; So did Sir *Robert Talbot* in in *France*, with others of no leſs Fame. As other Diſeaſes have ſome peculiar ſort of Medicine before others, moſt eminent and fit to encounter with their Malady, and by adverſe Properties expedite the Cure; which moſtly anſwering the End and Meaning of a Remedy, and therefore honour'd with the Title of Specifick; (as the Bark is a Specifick againſt Fevers; Cortex Peru againſt Agues, Scurvygraſs againg the Scurvy; Opium cauſes Sleep; and the Urine and Serum are ſtrangely incited by *Spaniſh* Flies,

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which with many more, are granted to be ſuch Remedies as Specificks, and that ſome have had vaſt Succeſs with them,) ſo the Author was heretofore long perſwaded, that the Venereal Diſeaſe cou'd not be alone, without ſome ſuch Friend in the Boſom of Art or Nature, which alſo deſerv'd the Term Specifick; accordingly he apply'd himſelf to ſearch and ſtudy after the principal Cauſe and Nature of the Diſeaſe, as alſo a ſuitable Remedy, that wou'd, by the ſingular Nature of its Parts, be capable to inſinuate into, and encounter with the morbifick Matter of this Diſeaſe, which at laſt he providentally diſcover'd, and Succeſs has ratify'd; ſo that it may be modeſtly aſſerted to be a better and ſurer Specifick than any yet extant: This Diſtemper undoubtedly having its Specifick as well as others.

CHAP. VII.

Of the Author's Specifick.

THE Specifick ſtill making Publick Appearance, after a long and fortunate Experience of its ineſtimable Value, it remains that ſome further Account be given of it, for the Profit and Advantage of ſuch of the Unhappy, who have not yet made a lucky Experiment of its noble Efficacy. The Qualifications that Medicines ought to have for this Venereal Malady, have before been ſpoken off, and were ſuppos'd to appertain moſtly to ſome one Remedy, and that was ſaid to be worthy of the Title of a Specifick; and that the Author is Maſter of ſuch a Secret alſo has been premis'd. As to the Nature then of this his Specifick Antivenereal, to examine it with Reaſon, the great Touch-ſtone and diſcoverer of Truth; Firſt, Its Deſign and Nature is to extract and draw away the contagious Malignity by all Secretory and Excretory Ways, that the foul Humours may be parted and expell'd from the reſt; that the Head and upper Parts be not endanger'd, and ſo to ſcatter ſuch Irruptions and Tumours in their Beginning, which would otherwiſe vex and torture the Body if they once came to a farther Maturity; for as long as any Foulneſs or Depravity dwells any where in the Body, tho' in the moſt extreme Parts, this Specifick is of ſo attractive a Tendency, that it will never make Peace with its Enemy, till it has conquer'd and carry'd it off by the juſt mention'd Means; then diſplaying its balſamick Vertue in healing and recovering the ancient Life and Vigour of all the diſorder'd Parts of the Conſtitution; and ſuch is the Commodiouſneſs of this Specifick, that Patients proportionably to the Degrees of the Diſtemper they are in, may Cure themſelves in a very little Time, without the Knowledge of any intimate Acquaintance,

tance, or diſcloſing their Caſe to any Pretender or Phyſician: Neither the Operation of the Medicine, nor the Alteration of Diet can open the leaſt Suſpicion, or tell any Tales of the Matter; for nothing can be manag'd with more Privacy than this is calculated and contriv'd for; neither is their any Nauſeouſneſs in its Taſte, or Inconvenience in its Way of working. Sure then it can be thought no improper Compariſon to reflect upon the vaſt Difference between the Author's Remedy ſo compactly and conveniently prepar'd, as a Sovereign Antidote againſt all Degrees of this Contagion, and the almoſt infinite Variety of perplex'd and pernicious Methods, often worſe Plagues than the Diſeaſe. Methinks here comes the noted *Dr.* with his Gallons of Diet Drink, and everlaſting Slops; or elſe ruinous, and no leſs tedious and nauſeous Salivations, Conſumptions, Fluxes and Aſtringents. Perhaps by help of ſome of theſe there is the Air of a great and ſpeedy Cure, which is nothing elſe but Blunder and Precipitation; for alas! The Malady is only adjourn'd to a more violent Relapſe, and it may make that which was at firſt but the Prick of a Pin, prove an immedicable Vulnus, and then indeed to uſe *Virgil's* Jocoſe Raillery, *ægreſcitque medendo*; Mr. *Quack*, the celebrated Practitioner, has perhaps propagated a Clap to a Pox *ſecundum artem*, beyond Recovery and very learnedly harraſs'd and ruin'd the Conſtitutions of ſome unhappy Perſons; but by this one ſingle Invention of a Specifick Antivenereal, all ſuch Diſtractions are prevented. And this is of ſo ſmall a Compaſs, and attended with ſuch admirable Delight, Safety, Secreſy and Expedition, thro' all its ſeveral Functions and Offices, as to excite Admiration But as has been already expreſs'd it is not pretended (to allure and deceive) that this Specifick is infallible; no, the Pope may preſumptuouſly aſſume that Attribute, but no ingenuous, ſober and judicious Perſon ever can. As Modeſty and Truth then will not ſuffer their Bounds to be invaded, without renouncing the Company of Offenders, and leaving them to the heavy Infliction of Guilt and Deluſion; ſo the Author judges it too great Misfortune to attempt the leaſt Impoſture upon others, and therefore owns candidly he boaſts no ſuch Quality belonging to his Remedy. He is well enough contented, that he can with Verity aſſure, this his Antivenereal is rarely known to fail; not being infallible, but rationally adapted to the Diſtemper. One or two Doſes of it generally take off a ſlight Infection, and by Favour of a happy Conſtitution may go farther, and ſo work a compleat Cure. Its Succeſs, if convenient, might be atteſted by a great Number of unfortunate Perſons of

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both Sexes, who were in the last Extremity, and found Relief by this Specifick: Therefore play not the Imposture and delude your self. Let not imaginary Notions pass for Reality. and Reality a meer Phantasm and Bugbear, be the Infection ever so slightly receiv'd, Latent, or of the least Malignity, or the Nature and Constitution of the Person the Infection is to work upon, even the kindest: They may doubtless be vast Assistants to promote a perfect and speedy Cure; but if Persons have the Chimæra that either of 'em, or altogether (as the most likely) of those Friendly Qualities may work a Cure, will at last to their great Affliction be compell'd to say they were certainly infatuated; but

To own you have at last your Error found,
Is of small Use, when once the Ship's aground.

Cures may probably be wrought by Fancy, when the Malady proceeds from thence; but can scarce believe, when proceeding from other Causes: Absolute Necessity then obliges taking something if we value or wish for Health, Preservation and Ease: And sooner you set about it, the Better; for the greatest Things oftentimes arise from small Beginnings, and consequently an inveterate Pox from a liminary Clap, if proper Measures are not taken to prevent the growing Mischief; which the Possessors (unless they voluntarily undergo as a Penance, thro' a Contrition of there Fault, a Comick Mortification!) Industrious to shrowd their Indiscretion, fall in and say with *Dryden*,

Fate's dark Recesses we can never find,
But Fortune at some Hours to all is kind;
The Lucky have whole Days, which still they chuse,
Th' Unlucky have but Hours, and those they lose.

So they wou'd be accounted Unlucky and Unfortunate, when at the same Time 'tis their Frantic Choice. In few Words, Experience proves all Things; therefore shall leave the Medicine to a Trial and Candour of the Patient, imploring the Favour and Benediction of Heaven, &c

——— *Siquid novisti rectius istis.*
Candidus imperti, si non, his utere mecum.

Tho' this wonderful Specifick (sealed up with full Directions for every Particular Degree of the Disease, in a Way so intelligible that any illiterate Person, tho' in the remotest Parts of the World, may turn their own Physicians as well as if they had many Physicians present) is even that which has always really performed what others only pretend and promise; yet for the farther Satisfaction to the Buyer, and to convince the World of the Author's Integrity if any Person within the Space of 21 Days inclusively from their buying it, the Day of Sale being registred in the Shop-Book

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(not mentioning here the first and Second Stage) shall come to the Shop, where they bought it, with declaring on their Honour and Reputation, that having us'd the Specifick according to every Rule prescrib'd in the Directions, and find no Benefit by it, shall freely, without any Dispute, have their Money return'd again. Price a Guinea,

CHAP. VII.

Of select Experiments and Curiosities never yet known or publish'd.

SInce the Secret Disease began to spread and be in common with the rest of the malignant Distempers Mankind has been afflicted with, several noted Physicians have been given to great Study, and restless Lucubrations to discover its principal Cause, with the true Connection thereof; who, by there Principles and Doctrine, essay'd Abundance of Experiments to reconcile 'em to the Disease, but all to no purpose. Dr. Boyle, Pontesque, with many others, made several Experiments upon Animal Creatures as Fowls, Dogs, Cats, Hedg-Hogs, Swine, *&c.* as I have also, whereby the Creatures broke out with such Pocky Sores as were capable to create Compassion in the flinteſt Beholder; yet, What did those Experiments prove? as much as to say, One is One, a Clap is a Clap, the Pox is the Pox, for they are but *petitio probationis a priori*, and don't resolve what we are in quest off, *viz.* the principal Cause and reason why Things are as they be; so that they who content themselves with that Knowledge only, taking it for granted sufficient for a Discovery, will give me leave, I hope, to tell 'em, without Detriment to their other brighter Parts, they are not a Pin the wiser as to the Knowledge of the Disease, or its Cure, than they were before. To afford then a Reason of the principal (and hitherto secret) Cause of this Disease and trace it from the Begining to the End, must be by quite different Experiments, and such as Gentlemen have never yet seen or heard off. To give a Specimen of the same. Admit a Gentleman puts one Grain of Sal-Microcosmi to another, they'll encounter and assault each other with such Abundance off Ardor and Violence, as trancends Belief; then, as it were by a Mutual Consent and Agreement, lay aside and change their martial Temper into warm Embraces, and incorporate with so much Vehemence, as immediately to be converted into a Flame, capable to set the whole Universe in an Uproar or Desolation by Fire: In short, 'twill perform such admirable Curiosities that I forbear mentioning here for very good Reasons, and refer you to the Directions seal'd up with the Specifick. To produce another Experiment; but

put a Grain of one of the forementionʼd Salts to another Acid, and ʼtwill flame and burn almoſt after the ſame Manner whereby you may light a Candle, Pipe of Tobacco, &c. Theſe Experiments, with the following, are ſufficient to make one clearly underſtand the whole Nature of the Diſeaſe, and how the different Seeds in a Humane Body (when they lie under Corruption in a Woman's Private Parts) by Air and Heat become Volatile, which penetrating into the diſtended Pores, inflame the oily, ſulphureous Particles of the Animal Spirits, from whence proceeds the moſt ſubtle, malignant, contagious Acid and Ferment; which Explications will likewiſe ſerve to ſhew the Origine of the Plague and Peſtilence. The ſaid Experiment lies ſealʼd up in both Shops with another curious and new Diſcovery, namely, how to diſcern in a Moment either an infect Man or Woman from a clean one, althoʼ in the Dark. ʼTis of ſo great Value and Eſteem as may prevent more than ſeveral Guineas Worth of Damage.

What a prodigious Calamity and Pity is it that Phyſicians for the Generality are no Chymiſts; and, on the contrary, Chymiſts (in the vulgar Acceptation) no Phyſicians. I term that Perſon no more a Chymiſt who is only ſo by Trade, and never ſtudyʼd either Phyſick or Philoſophy, than another a Phyſician for his having gone throʼ a chymical Courſe in the Univerſity, and has only a literal Knowledge to Reaſon ſomething of it, and neglect making it his further Study and Practice; it being the ſole Key to unlock all occult Beings in Nature, and to make Phœnomena's appear. ʼTis not ſufficient to uſe a Specifick promiſcuouſly for all Sorts of Conſtitutions, and not to know it Qualities, and when to vary it; for being Poſſeſſor of 22 Authors Specificks for this very Diſeaſe from my Predeceſſors, and other Communications with old and choice Manuſcripts; and having gone throʼ three Chymical Courſes in Univerſities, yet found my ſelf at a great Loſs in reſpect to the Management thereof, althoʼ at the ſame time frequently usʼd them in Academies promiſcuouſly with great and aſtoniſhing Succeſs. And ſince my particular Application and Study has been chiefly upon examining the Naure of different Salt (from whence all Beings in Nature draw their Orgine, Duration and Deſtruction) it has been ſo wonderfully bleſt by the almoſt miraculous Cures I've wrought, that I don't repent of the Time and Money ſpent theſe many Years paſt, whereby I've diſcoverʼd and perpectly underſtand the different Nature both of the Diſeaſe and Specificks, *viz. in opio*, Feverback, &c. without which Knowledge

ledge Physicians acts only by Rote. So that now I cure not only the first and second Stage, but also the third, if there is any the least Possibility or Hope of a Cure, (which always was, and is still believ'd by most Physicians to be incurable, as gnawing Pains, Rottenness of Bones that separate from the good Part and come away, &c.) For if the Viscera are no more whole, or the Nature or Blood is quite macerated and corrupted, this necessarily includes, and all rational Persons will grant a Limitation. The Dose of the Specifick being but of the Bignels of a large Pin's Head, and a Grain, working and operating by all Secretory and Excretory Ways. If this now s no Specifick, there's no such thing as a Specifick in the Universe, which only rests in my Breast, who am the Sole Author and Inventor of it: This is matter of Fact, (the most convincing Argument that can be) and not to draw or allure Persons in, as will be attested by such that have been already cur'd by it, if they'll give themselves the Trouble to enquire at the Places hereafter mention'd. Moreover, the preceding fair Offer, already made to encourage Persons to their own Safety and Welfare, be a sufficient Evidence in its Behalf, and the Author's Sincerity. 'Tis propable the small Quantity of the Dose, which is to work upon so much contagious Malignity, will throw you into a Surprise, and raise a Doubt in you how it's possible to be effected; but a Bear is often held by a little Dog. The said Dose, is a Grain possessing this peculiar magnetick Property and Quality, as to attract and devour a larger Quantity of several other particular Species, without increasing its Quantity, which individually are of a singular Efficacy and Power, and have each their proper Offices in the Cure. A Natural Experiment not altogether so curious, will make this clear, by taking a full Glass or Kan of Water, with which you may mix a larger Quantity of Salts, and 'twill not overflow or increase, *viz.* Dissolve in a Glass of Water gradually, as much Sal Armoniac as is capable, and that you'll perceive by the Water beginning to swell, and so of the following Salts; powder'd Allom, Nitre, Paris, Kitchen-Salt, Vitriol, Chrystal of Tartar, Salt of Tartar, Epsom-Salt, and others. Likewise if you throw the forelaid Salt of the Specifick in any fragrant distill'd Water, 'twill make the Oil in the said Water swim at Top, which may be separated from the Water by a Glass Tunnel, without changing the natural Smell of the Oil. These Experiments any Person may try according to the Direction seal'd up with it.

Many more Experiments never yet known, may be perform'd by this Grain, and worthy to be enroll'd among the

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Works of natural Curiosities, which the Author Designs (God willing) shall be the Subject of an other Treatise; for the Pleasure which arises from the Possession of the best Things is imperfect, without a Companion in the Enjoyment, as Sir *Charles Sedley* says,

Pleasures imparted to a Friend increase,
Perhaps divided Sorrow may grow less.

HAVING purpos'd Brevity, I shall only insert some of those Persons, with their Place of Abode, who have for the Benefit of others of the Unfortunate, advertis'd themselves onley during the last hard Frost, which were given over by the most eminent Physicians, Hospitals, Colleges, Surgeons and an other Specifick, Sold at Mr. *Cooper*'s and Mrs. *Carway*'s and found a perfect Cure by this Specifick, the only Specifick in the World, which *præsuppositis præsupponendis*, will never miss a Cure.

I M. Vaughan, *Housekeeper for thirty Years past, in* Mercer's-Street, *over against the* Swan Brewhouse, *in* Long-Acre, *was so injur'd (by an infected Husband four Years ago) with the Secret Disease, when with Child, that not only my Body was over-run with Boils, Ulcers, Pocky Sores, &c. but also by Degrees my Womb and Entrails so exulcerated, that the Corruption ever since flow'd backwards as well as forwards; besides more private and dreadful Symptoms not fit to be mention'd here. I apply'd my self soon after the Injury receiv'd, to the most eminent Physicians, Dr.* Ratcliffe, Clarke, *and every one agreed a Salivation mou'd Cure me; whereas I've since been nine Times salivated, twice fomented, fourteen Weeks in St.* Thomas's Hospital, *made use of a Specifick Sold at Mr.* Cooper's *in the* Strand, *and at Mrs. Carway's at the* Royal Exchange, *and many famous Surgeons, and all to no Purpose; every one fail'd, my Hopes defeated, and left by all (in such a deplorable Condition) as incurable: But since* November *last, several Advertisements being Publish'd of astonishing Cures by a particular Specifick, wrought on Persons given over by all, with their Names and Places of Abode; my Friends enquiring at the Places, and finding it matter of Fact, got the said Specifick for me, whereby I have been cur'd, almost to a Miracle. For the Truth of what is here alledg'd, You may know all the Physicians and Surgeons, who are, as likewise all the Neighbours, astonish'd at the Cure; and where any Person may be satisfy'd: And I'm ready at any Time, as also my Friends, both in City and Suburbs, to make Oath of the same.*

I Peter Holshouson, *having had the Secret Disease for eight Years successively, was salivated several Times, yet always broke out with more Violence, and at last to that Degree, that rotten Bones came away; also my Throat, with all the Nerves, were clear to be seen: In fine, my Case was so desperate, that I was*

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given over by all. At last I apply'd my self to a Specifick, advertis'd in the Weekly Prints, of which I found immediately Relief beyond Expression. The very first Dose infus'd a Moistness all over me during the Cure, working by Stool, and much by Urine; so that in a small Time the violent Pain that seiz'd every Part went off by Degrees: Now, I bless God, I find my self most wonderfully and perfectly cur'd without the least Sensation of Pain. Which can be attested by several of the Neighbours, and others. Therefore, in Gratitude to the Author of that great Specifick, and for the Publick Good, I will be seen for a Testimony, Enquire at the Shoe-makers, *next Door to the* Hague Coffee-House, *in* Rider's-Court, *near* Leicester-Fields.

I Anthony Tucker, *who was injur'd with the Secret Disease three Years ago, had in Process of Time Ulcers in my Fundament, and an Excrescency as big as an Egg at the End of it, Inflammations and Swellings on the private Parts, Head and Body full of Nodes and Ulcers, with gnawing Pains, and the Corruption continually flowing backwards; I apply'd my self to several Physicians, and the ablest Surgeons, and some salivated, others made Incisions, but so far from doing Good, that on the contrary, I grew worse, insomuch, that I was abandon'd by all at last, without any Hope of Cure; and being directed to this Specifick (by a Friend that cur'd himself by it) which using but three Times, I found my Body all over humid; the great Excrescency in two Days Time fell off of it self; Pieces of corrupt Flesh came away by Stools, and my Head and Body heal'd up; so that in three Weeks I was perfectly cur'd, which I own to all the World. Inquire in* Cock's-head-Court, *in* Golden-lane, *near* Red-cross-street. Moorfields, *at Mr.* Plummer's *a* Founder, *who was cur'd of his Phthisick and Shortness of Breath by this Specifick, when he was no more able to stir about.*

FOR *the Good of the Publick I make this Declaration, That having had the Secret Disease six Years together and arriv'd to the Height of Malignity with violent gnawing Pains all over me and Exulceration of the Womb was forced a considerable Time to keep my Bed, and neither any of the Doctors or Surgeons I employ'd, could cure me, till kind Providence led me to a Specifick (which by the Attestation of all that ever us'd it, hath perform'd astonishing Cures) whereby I found my self miraculously cur'd in a Fortnight's Time. To be spoke with at Mr.* Stapleton's, Coal-Shop on Puddle-Dock-Hill. *Witness,* Elizabeth Cook.

Ubi Rerum Testimonia adsunt, ibi non opus est verbis.

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